



VETERANS DAY NOVEMBER 11

According to the United States Department of Veterans Affairs...

...the observance of Veterans Day on November 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date, but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

This document is designed to provide suggestions for celebrating Veterans Day in the elementary schools. A special thank you to the Social Studies Teacher Leaders, classroom teachers and media specialists for gathering this information to be shared across our school district.

School-wide celebration ideas:

- Invite veterans from the community to visit the school on November 11 to participate in school-wide and classroom activities.
- Kick-off the day with a flag raising celebration. Gather at the flagpole to recite the pledge and sing the National Anthem or other patriotic songs.
- Lunch with veterans
- School assembly to recognize individuals that are veterans or serving in the different armed forces. Veterans are introduced and recognized. School community sings patriotic song(s).
- Create school showcase to celebrate Veterans Day. Student art, poetry, letters, artifacts from service members, etc. are posted to honor America's veterans.
- Students wear nametags representing active duty service people or veterans who are members of their family.
- For more ideas, visit [Anoka-Hennepin Curriculinks](#).

Classroom or school-wide activities:

- Collect items for care packages to send to soldiers.
- Make cards or write letters to mail to soldiers.
- Make cards or write letters to delivery to the Veterans Administration Hospital in Minneapolis or to a local American Legion Post.
- Webex conference with parents or other relatives who are overseas serving in the military.
- For more ideas, visit [Anoka-Hennepin Curriculinks](#).

Veterans Day Resources

Veterans Day Classroom Resources	
Grade	Resource
K	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HM Holiday Big Book pp. 6 – 7 (TE 138-139) “Veterans Day” • HM Unit 4 Big Book: Our Country, It’s a Great Nation pp.53-54 (TE 93-95) “Vietnam Memorial” • HM leveled book: <i>Colin Powell, American Leader</i> • HM Video “America the Beautiful” (from Unit 4) Video contains images of American patriotism, set to instrumental music and includes the WWII Memorial – see TR2 in HM Teacher Guide for details.
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HM p. 272 “Veterans Day” (and TE 272A) • HM p. 276 “Memorial Day” (and TE 276A)
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HM pp 332 (and 332A) • HM p 336 “Memorial Day” and Vietnam Veterans Memorial
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HM Text: pp 344 – 345 and p. 349 • HM Text: p 355 “Maya Lin” and Vietnam Veterans Memorial • Our Citizenship Handbook (big book) pp. 12-13 • HM Leveled books (six packs): <i>Veterans Day</i> (below) and <i>A National Holiday</i> (Language Support) • HM Video “National Observances” (from Unit 6). Video includes an overview of Veterans Day - see page TR2 in HM TE for details.
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rigby CQ 4 (p. A4) “The Code Talkers”
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HM online leveled reader – <i>The Navajo Code Talkers</i>

Additional Classroom Resources:

- Anoka-Hennepin Curricu-Links: Grade X – Social Studies – Veterans Day
- Anoka-Hennepin Media Services also has a variety of Veterans Day books and videos available for checkout. A list of these resources is attached.
- Please also consider visiting the public library for additional resources related to Veterans Day.

***NOTE: When choosing resources, please be mindful to select resources that offer a diverse representation of veterans (race, gender, age, etc.).

Veterans Day Video Clips Available Through Discovery Education:

Log-in Details:

Username: firstname_lastname

Default password: changeme

For additional log-in information, see your tech teacher

K – 5: Holiday facts and Fun: Veterans Day (12:06)

Veterans Day celebrates the sacrifices and commitments of the men and women in the United States Air Force, Navy, Marines, Army, and Coast Guard. The program highlights the ways in which people honor America's veterans during the November holiday and provides a brief historical analysis of World War One, World War Two, and the Korean War. From parades to community-sponsored gatherings, the presentation captures the spirit of this commemorative day.

Useful Segments:

- The Responsibilities of America's Armed Forces (3:05)
- Holiday History (2:47)
- Observing the Holiday (3:44)

<http://player.discoveryeducation.com/index.cfm?guidAssetId=1EC011FE-9530-4FD9-A947-89860DD41704>

K – 5: Daily Deskercise – Fitness Theme: Veterans Day (5:48)

Primary grade focus - With the help of his animated friends Woody and Happy, Slim Goodbody leads a workout routine centered on the theme of Veterans Day, a time to honor those who served in the armed forces. Students will build endurance and strength by marching like soldiers, galloping like horses in a cavalry, and swimming like members of the Coast Guard.

<http://player.discoveryeducation.com/index.cfm?guidAssetId=71007F73-3891-4A28-B5AE-A6C512FAD9CD>

3 – 5: Veterans Day (1:02)

Learn that Veterans Day gives us the opportunity to thank those who have fought in wars.

<http://player.discoveryeducation.com/index.cfm?guidAssetId=B55BC448-D4A3-4660-8121-0DD5BFD46797&blnFromSearch=1&productcode=US>

Veterans Day Resources Available Through Media Services

This is a list of what is available across the Anoka-Hennepin School District. Not all materials are available in all locations. Please see your building Media Specialist for more information on how to use Destiny and to order these materials.

BOOKS

- 394.2 PA Parker, Margot What is Veterans Day? Chicago : Childrens Press, c1986
Ben explains to Amy why we celebrate Veterans Day each year.
- 394.26 Ka Kaplan, Leslie C. Veterans Day, New York : PowerKids, c2004
Provides information about Veterans Day, celebrated on November 11 in honor of people who have served in the U.S. military, and discusses the origins, history, and symbols of the holiday.
- 394.264 An Ansary, Mir Tamim Veterans Day, Chicago : Heinemann Library, c1999
Introduces Veterans Day, explaining the historical events behind it, how it became a holiday, and how it is observed.
- 394.264 BR Targ Brill, Marlene Veterans Day, Minneapolis : Carolrhoda, c2005
Presents a short history of Veterans Day and discuss how it came to be celebrated after World War I and its significance to American military personnel and veterans of all wars since 1918.
- 394.264 Co Cotton, Jacqueline S. Veterans Day, New York : Children's Press, c2002
Explains the history of Veterans Day and why it is observed, and suggests ways of honoring veterans on this special day, such as flying the flag, attending parades, buying poppies, and visiting hospitals.
- 394.264 La Landau, Elaine Veterans Day: Remembering Our War Heroes, Berkeley Heights, NJ : Enslow, c2002
Explores the history of Veterans Day and how we celebrate it today.
- 394.264 Mc McQueen, Jessica Veterans Day Boston : Houghton Mifflin, c2005
Explains the origins of Veterans Day, the end of World War I, and the traditions of the holiday.
- 394.264 Sc Schuh, Mari C. Veterans Day, Mankato, MN : Pebble Books, c2003
An introduction to the history, purpose, and observance of Veterans Day, when we honor men and women who have served in the United States military.
- 394.264 So Sorensen, Lynda Veterans Day, Vero Beach, FL : Rourke Press, c1994
Explains the origins of Veterans Day, the traditions surrounding the holiday, and organizations involved with celebrations.

- 811 Gr Granfield, Linda In Flanders Fields: The story of the poem by John McCrae New York, NY : Doubleday Book for Young Readers, c1995
- 959.7 Sch Schaefer, Ted and Lois The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Chicago : Heinemann, c2006
Discusses the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, its history, design, location, and importance to the people of the United States.
- 959.704 Dubois, Muriel The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Mankato, MN : Bridgestone Books, c2002
Discusses the history of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, its designer, construction of the memorial, its location, and its importance to the people of the United States.
- E Bu Bunting, Eve The Wall New York : Clarion Books, c1990
A boy and his father come from far away to visit the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington and find the name of the boy's grandfather, who was killed in the conflict.
- E KU Kupperstein, Joel Celebrating Patriotic Holidays: Honoring America Huntington Beach, CA : Creative Teaching Press, c1999
Presents a children's book for early readers that describes various patriotic holidays and why they are celebrated.
- E Lo Lowry, Lois Crow Call New York : Scholastic Press, c2009
Nine-year-old Liz accompanies the stranger who is her father, just returned from the war, when he goes hunting for crows in the Pennsylvania farmland.
- E St Stirniman, Todd Holidays at Our House Boston : Houghton Mifflin, c2005
A child describes the things her family does to celebrate a variety of holidays, including Presidents' Day, Earth Day, labor Day, Independence Day, Veterans Day, and Thanksgiving.
- E Ti Timperley, Geri A Very Long Time Minneapolis, MN : Interface Publishing, c2005
A story of a girl who waits for her father to return from serving in the military in a foreign country. Based on the real life story of Specialist First Class Adam Timperley and his daughter Kylee who were separated for a very long time while Adam served in Operation Iraqi Freedom.
- Fic Re Recorvits, Helen Where Heroes Hide New York : Farrar, Straus and Giroux, c2002
During the summer of 1956 ten-year old Junior Webster, his friends, and especially his father, a decorated World War II veteran, discover what heroism is all about.
- F McC McCutcheon, John Christmas in the Trenches Atlanta, GA : Peachtree, c2006
A World War I veteran tells his grandson of his experiences in 1914, when British and German soldiers declared a truce from fighting to celebrate Christmas together.
- Fic Rav Raven, Theis Mogot, America's White Table Chelsea, MI : Sleeping Bear Press, 2005
Three children set a special white table in memory of service members fallen or missing in action, and especially in honor of their Uncle Jim, a POW in Vietnam.

VIDEOS

- E Bu Reading Rainbow/Lancit Media Productions; No. 82 The Wall Lincoln, NE : GPN, c1992
Host LeVar Burton visits the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial in Washington, DC. Meet Maya Lin who designed the monument. Feature Book: "The Wall" by Eve Bunting.
- 394.2 Walcoff, Larry Memorial Day Veterans Day Lincoln, NE : GPN, c1994
Explains the importance of Memorial Day and Veteran's Day in commemorating the sacrifice made by veterans in preserving the Nation's safety.
- HOL Malone, Patrice Memorial Day/Veterans Day Bala Cynwyd, PA : Schlessinger Video Productions, c1996
Memorial Day and Veterans Day are special holidays in America that honors the people who have served in the U.S. armed forces. A visit to Arlington national Cemetery and local community parade show how people pay their respect and celebrate these holidays.
- - - Freeman, M. What is a Veteran? Girl Scout Gold Award Project, c2004.

DVD

- 791.45 Wa Gutelle, Andrew The Wall Lincoln, NE : GPN, c2004
The host visits the Vietnam War Memorial and talks with Maya Lin, the person who designed it.